

## **ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: May 20, 2016  
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex  
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Brian McDougal  
Gerard Caron  
Earl Sherwood  
Peter Wilson

The following member(s) were absent:

Don Berry  
Ryan Morgan

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator  
Vickey Gray, Board Clerk for Maine Fuel Board and Plumbers' Examining Board  
Raymond Stanford, Senior Electrical Inspector

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the April 15, 2016 minutes as presented. There was no discussion.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Abstain: Earl Sherwood  
Motion carried

### **Presentation of Complaint 2015-ELE-11276 Baker**

A motion was made to accept the signed consent agreement as presented.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
All in favor  
Motion carried

### **Administrator's Report**

Catherine Carroll reported on her work drafting revisions to Chapter 17, the upcoming National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) conference, and newly hired clerk who will be working for the board effective May 23, 2016.

### **Complaint Presentation 2014-ELE-10141**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **Adjudicatory Hearing – 2016-ELE-12136– Streeter**

The hearing commenced at 9:07 a.m. Mr. Streeter was present and was not represented by counsel.

In their deliberations, the Board discussed the education and work experience that Mr. Streeter has completed. It was concluded that proof of completion of a 45 hour current National Electrical Code (NEC) code course is needed before Mr. Streeter is eligible to sit for the limited to house wiring exam.

A motion was made to uphold the denial of Mr. Streeter's exam application finding that Mr. Streeter does not have proof of completing a 45 hour 2014 NEC code course and will need to complete such course before being eligible to apply to sit for the exam.

The Board informed Mr. Streeter of the issuance of a Decision and Order resulting from the hearing and that staff would send a list of code course providers from the Board's webpage.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous  
Motion carried

### **Adjudicatory Hearing – 2016-ELE-12182 – Reed**

The hearing commenced at 9:34 a.m.

Eric Reed was present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Reed summarized his employment record in which he stated he was self-employed as an electrician from 1988 through 1996, and from 1996 has managed a company that he owns. Mr. Reed stated that he has no formal education in electricity and yet has completed continuing education requirements for the state of New Jersey over the years.

Mr. Reed has applied to the state of Maine for a master license via reciprocity. Mr. Reed is currently licensed as a master electrician in New Jersey. New Jersey and Maine do not have a reciprocity agreement.

The Board discussed the fact that Mr. Reed was formerly licensed in Maine as a journeyman electrician from 1982 –1991 but is not eligible for the “grandfathering” clause in §1202 which states, in part, that any person who holds a journeyman electrician license prior to July 1987, is eligible to take the examination for a master electrician license, provided that the applicant has completed the number of hours of service or experience required for a master electrician and has completed 45 hours of the current NEC. Mr. Reed has not completed a 45 hour course and no longer holds a license with the Board, and therefore, does not qualify under this provision.

A motion was made to uphold the preliminary denial of the request to obtain a license without sitting for the master electrician exam based on provisions of §1206 - lack of reciprocity between the two states.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous  
Motion carried

A motion was made to allow Mr. Reed to reinstate his journeyman license under provisions of §1204 and waive the examination requirements provided that Mr. Reed proves completion of of a 45 hour code course in the current NEC and submits this proof along with an application for license.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous  
Motion carried

The Board stated that Mr. Reed is eligible to apply to sit for the master exam upon proof of completion of a 45 hour course in the current NEC.

### **Senior Inspector's Report**

Raymond Stanford reported on his and Edward Mathieu's participation at a Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association, Inc. (MBOIA) meeting where they spoke to a group of local inspectors and discussed: a.) wiring practices at marijuana growing facilities; b.) common NEC violations; c.) unlisted equipment installations at additions to single family dwellings and the need for a permit; d.) temperature control system wiring installations by licensed electricians limited to refrigeration and by licensed fuel technicians who are wiring these systems in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the regulatory boards (Electrician and Fuel Boards), and e.) his upcoming attendance to the Granite State Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors ' 2017 NEC Preview to focus on changes to the 2017 NEC in preparation for updating the Board's rules of the current edition of the national code to conform with all electrical installations an update on the 2017 NEC changes. Raymond mentioned his progress on revising the limited exams for water pumps, cranes and traffic signals. Raymond also mentioned a recent meeting he had with representatives at the Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS) on coordinating with the Board on ensuring that marijuana growing facilities are also being permitted to install wiring in accordance to the current NEC.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

Meeting was called to end.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Catherine M. Carroll, Board Administrator